# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
# LOK SABHA

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OCCUPATIONAL WAGE SURVEY
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether large number of labourers/child labourers are engaged in plantation industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to identify and to rehabilitate them;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of plantation industries covered under the Occupational Wage Survey (OWS); and

(f) the steps taken to bring more industries under OWS to improve the livelihood of the labourers/child labourers who are engaged in plantation industries?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. As per the results of Sixth Round of Occupational Wage Survey (OWS) conducted during June 2005 to March 2006, out of the total employment of 9.78 lakh, in three Plantation Industries viz. Coffee Plantation, Rubber Plantation and Tea Plantations, the incidence of child labour is negligible.

(c) & (d): Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, employment of children in Plantations is not prohibited. Considering the magnitude of the problem, Government is following a sequential approach of rehabilitating children working in hazardous occupations first.

(e): Three plantation industries viz. Coffee Plantation, Rubber Plantation and Tea Plantations are covered under the Occupational Wage Survey.

(f): These three Plantations cover almost 99% employment of the entire plantation sector. In view of this, there is no need to increase the coverage of OWS.